

Sheep and Lamb Losses by Cause

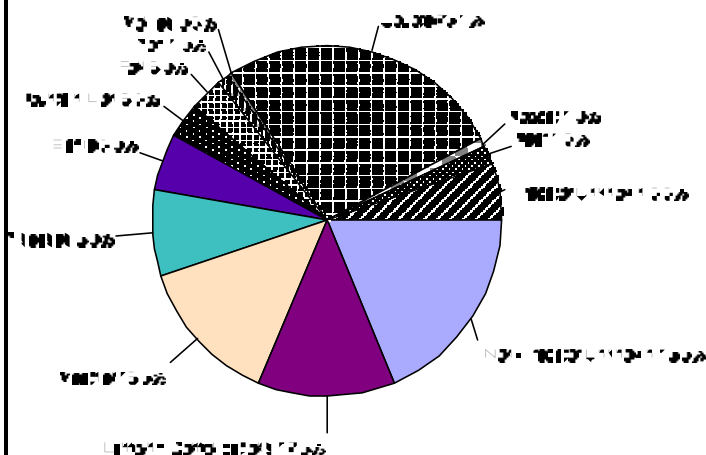
Utah farmers and ranchers lost 60,000 sheep and lambs to all causes in 2001. This was valued at \$3.34 million.

Lambs lost before docking totaled 20,000, **lambs lost after docking** totaled 23,000, and **sheep one year old and older** lost totaled 17,000. The largest single cause of death in lambs before docking from predators was from coyotes killing 5,200. This accounted for 26 percent of all lambs lost before docking. Coyotes also accounted for the largest number of lambs lost after docking at 12,300 which was 53.5 percent of the after docking loss.

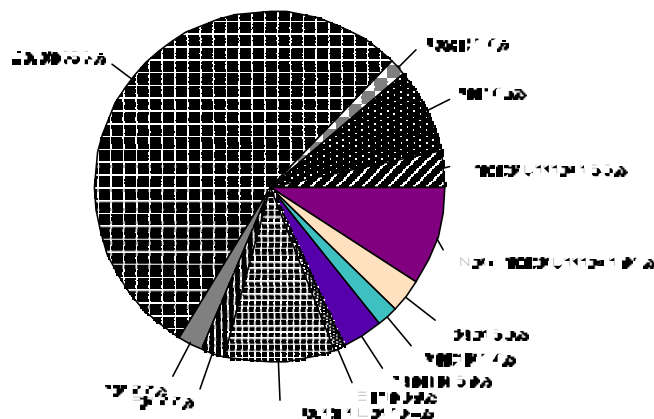
Sheep one year old and older losses to coyotes, at 5,000, was the single largest cause, accounting for 29.4 percent. **Total losses to coyotes** equaled 22,500 which was 37.5 percent of all losses to sheep and lambs in the state.

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**Utah Loss of Lambs
Before Docking, by Cause, 2001**



**Utah Loss of Lambs
After Docking, by Cause, 2001**



**Utah Loss of Sheep
by Cause, 2001**

